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Sir

It is respectfully requested that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered during the pendency of the prosecution of the concurrently filed application entering the national stage filing of corresponding international application number PCT/IB2004/000243 pursuant to § 1.97(b):

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(1) within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d)

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(2) within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application

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(4) before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.

The references, pursuant to § 1.98, are identified on the PTO Form 1449 form and were cited in the PCT International Search Report for corresponding international application number PCT/IB2004/000243. Both the copy of the PCT International Search Report and its references are enclosed.

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